



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN



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### Hurricane Season Begins 1 June!

It is that time of the year again...The 2001 Hurricane Season will begin on 1 June and run through the end of November. Lets look at what Dr. Gray's predictions are for the Atlantic Basin.

### 2001 Predictions (7 April 2001):

10 Named Storms

6 Hurricanes

2 Major Storms (Cat 3 or greater)

This is an average estimate for the 2001 season. A weak to moderate El-Nino event will act as an inhibiting influence on the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Don't let that bother you. It only takes one storm to make it a bad season. Remember 1992, Hurricane Andrew was the first named storm of the season, struck the Florida Coastline in late August and is now in the history books as the most destructive storm in history.

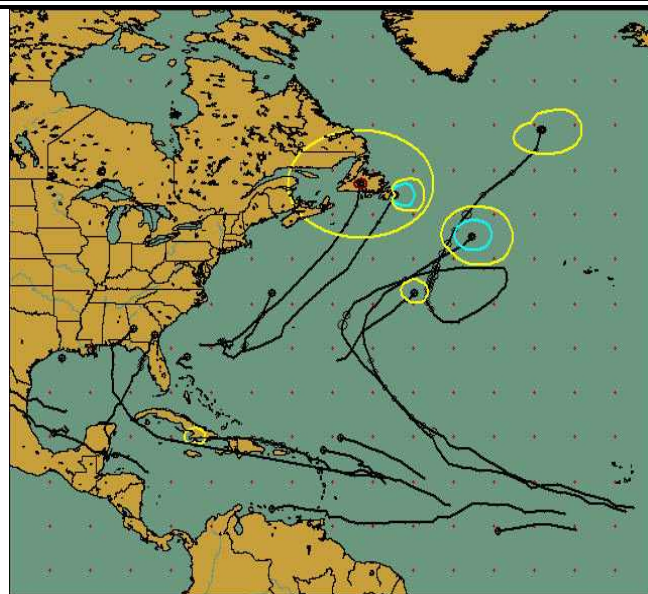
### How accurate were the predictions for 2000?

Predicted		Actual
12	Named Storms	14
8	Hurricanes	8
4	Major Storms	3

As you can see the 2000 Hurricane Season was very active. Dr. Gray and his staff were very accurate. Central Florida experienced a couple threats during 2000, but again we were lucky that no storms made landfall on the Space Coast.

### 2001 Storm Names

Allison	Barry	Chantal
Dean	Erin	Felix
Gabrielle	Humberto	Iris
Jerry	Karen	Lorenzo
Michelle	Noel	Olga
Pablo	Rebekah	Sebastien
Tanya	Van	Wendy



Year 2000 Storm Tracks

### Hurricane Awareness Briefing

There will be a Hurricane Awareness Briefing on 25 May (from 1 PM to 2 PM) in the KSC Auditorium. The briefing will be opened by the KSC Center Director, and presentations will be conducted by JBOSC Emergency Preparedness, Brevard County Emergency Management Director and the 45 Weather Squadron. The program will be broadcast live on NASA Select and will be taped for Channel 60 training during the hurricane season.

### **Don't wait until a storm threatens to begin your preparation for the season!**

Information on hurricane preparedness is available and can be obtained on line through many sources. The American Red Cross, Capital Area Chapter is a excellent source. They can be reached at: [www.tallytown.com/redcross/education.html](http://www.tallytown.com/redcross/education.html).

**Contact Emergency Preparedness at 853-6861 if you require additional information.**